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Low income individuals to get free produce coupons

Vital Aging of Williamsburg County, Inc., in partnership with the South Carolina Department of Social Services will be issuing free coupons to low-income individuals age 60 and older that may be used to purchase fresh produce at local participating farmers' marvcis.

Each eligible person will receive \$25 worth of coupons that may be used at participating markets from May through October 15. The coupons will be used on a first come first served basis until the supply is exhausted.

The coupons will be issued at the J.J. Mitcheom Center in Hemingway on Tuesday, June 12, between 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Williamsburg County Complex Auditorium in Kingstree on Thursday, June 14, between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Applications must be submitted in person. Proof of identity and residence in Williamsburg County is required in order to receive the free coupons.

Applicants must also meet

household income eligibility limits.

Information regarding the income of all household members is required to determine eligibility. Verification of the applicant's social security number must also be provided at the time of application.

This program is called the Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program and the goals of the program are to supplement the diets of low-income seniors with fresh, nutritious produce and to support South Carolina's small farmers.

For more information about the free coupons, interested parties should contact Mitzie Tisdale at 1 (843) 354-5496.